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In Chicago, prices on the larger sizes remained unchanged, but advanced 2 cents on medium. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady with mediums in the best position. Demand into all channels was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings ranged short to available for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Producer prices in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin increased 2 cents for medium. Other reported prices unchanged. Trade sentiment ended the week mostly steady with mediums in the best position. Retail demand was light to fairly good into areas with planned feature activity for the next week or so. Food service movement mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the adequate to available offerings. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks generally adequate. Trade sentiment steady

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EXTRA LARGE	65-72	67-69	
LARGE	63-71	65-69	
MEDIUM	49-55	52-55	
IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN	PRICES PAI	D TO PRODUCERS	3
LARGE		48-52	

MEDIUM 34-38
SMALL 12-16
MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,western NY, and

western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady with mediums in the best position. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate, best where features were in progress or planned for next week. Large eggs were on special for 49 cents per dozen. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were short to about adequate for the moderate demand. Schedules were about normal for next week. Light type fowl were usually sufficient for the fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal for the upcoming week.

RANGE MOSTLY

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EXTRA LARGE	69-84	72-75	
LARGE	66-81	71-75	
MEDIUM	53-65	55-57	
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, M	1E, NH, eastern	NJ, eastern NY,	PA,
RI. Northern VA. and VT			

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment remained steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate with many planned features expected to move a large amount of product over the weekend and into next week. Loose egg movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current

 needs.
 RANGE

 EXTRA LARGE
 73-82

 LARGE
 71-80

 MEDIUM
 53-62

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. However, asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on all weights. Trade sentiment was usually steady with mediums in the best position. Demand was light to mostly moderate, somewhat better where features were in progress or planned for the upcoming week. Supplies were sufficient for present requirements. Breaking stock supplies were short to barely adequate for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were generally sufficient for regular slaughter schedules.

	RANGE	MOSILI
EXTRA LARGE	68.5-76	70-73
LARGE	67-74	68-71
MEDIUM	51.5-59	52-56
SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern	TN, and sou	thern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PEF DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady with mediums in the best position. Demand into all outlets ranged light to mostly moderate, best where features were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements. **RANGE**

EXTRA LARGE 80-84
LARGE 78-82
MEDIUM 62-66

CHICAGO EGGS Prices for extra large and large unchanged, mediums increased 2 cents. The market tone was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies are adequate, with lighter weights held with more confidence.

	KANGE
EXTRA LARGE	71-77
LARGE	69-75
MEDIUM	53-59

WESTERN REGION EGG Prices unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo and extra large, unchanged to one cent higher on large, and 1-2 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand moderate to good. Offerings mainly adequate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo and extra large, 1 cent higher on large, medium, and small. Retailer demand improved. Offerings about adequate. Small benchmark price 68. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- extra large dozen 99, large dozen 99, medium dozen 89 and 60 pack 399.

<u>CALIFORNIA</u> California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect dis-

counts or other contract terms.	RANGE
JUMBO	113
EXTRA LARGE	108
LARGE	104
MEDIUM	88

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER

DOZEN.	RANGE
JUMBO	95-103
EXTRA LARGE	93-96
LARGE	91-94
MEDIUM	75-78

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	KANGE
JUMBO	259-319
EXTRA LARGE	249-319
LARGE	209-219
MEDIUM	189-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings continuing adequate or available. Sellers of heavy nest runs were asking the current quoted mostly price with many buyers taking a wait and see attitude at this call. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks generally adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 lb, minimum net

WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	43-45	44-45
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	29-34	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were unchanged on undergrades, and unchanged to slightly higher on nest run breaking stock when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment ranged steady to fully steady with buyers continuing to monitor seasonal patterns. Supplies were short to barely adequate for about normal breaking schedules. Demand was moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 29 March 2003 were 1% higher than last week, but 4% less than a year ago.

PRICES PAID, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE
MOSTLY
NEST RUN
35-41
36-39
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES
22-34.25
EASTERN REGION AREA:

AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 29-Mar-03 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

(EDO IN THOODAINDO) (EXCEODED INCINEDIENTO)							
	CAS	ES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROK	EN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,089	,488	27,577	9,448	5,344	1,868	4,080
PW	1,103	,928	27,636	9,365	5,209	1,917	3,966
LY	1,095	,804	26,637	10,571	5,342	1,996	3,911
% CHG	PW	-1	0	1	3	-3	3
% CHG	LY	-1	4	-11	0	-6	4
2003	14,452	,411	348,891	131,780	73,138	31,808	53,628
2002	14,396	,804	330,706	143,951	76,609	34,093	52,556
% CHG	YTD	0	5	-8	-5	-7	2
				C	W	PW	LY
AVG YII	ELD PE	R CAS	SE - (Ined.	incl.) 42.	63	41.83	42.40
AVG YII	ELD PE	R CAS	SE - (Ined.	excl.) 38.	89	38.24	38.83
Correct	ted Yea	r-to-E	Date Figur	es & Avg	Yield for	W/E 22-N	lar-03
2003 1	13,362,9	923	321,314	122,332	67,794	29,940	49,548
2002 1	13,301,0	000	304,069	133,380	71,267	32,097	48,645
% CHG	YTD	0	6	-8	-5	-7	2
				C	:W	PW	LY
AVG YI	ELD PE	R CA	SE - (Ined	. incl.) 42.	75	42.38	42.17
AVG YI	ELD PE	R CA	SE - (Ined.	. excl.) 39.	07	38.70	38.45

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 52 to 62 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was generally steady for all liquid products. Offerings were usually adequate with demand fair to fairly good for whole egg and whites. Yolk demand had improved and was rated as fairly good to instances good as values held from the previous week and most sellers anticipated improving prices as the yolk complex appeared to have settled. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 04 April, 2003 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

			(CHANGE FROM
CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	6	39-40	39.67	1.19
WHITES	24	24-28.5	25.52	.24
YOLKS	12	55-60	56.56	.14

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged to higher on whites and salt yolks, higher on whole, but unchanged to lower on sugar yolks when compared to previous week's trading. The undertone was mostly steady, although some spot caution was noted on yolks. Trading was light to occasionally moderate. Offerings were usually adequate or available on most items. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 29 March 2003 were 5% more than last week, but 5% less than a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER LB IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)

LTL

	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN	. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	42-54	47-50	56-60
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		65-85
WHITES	34-39	36-39	41-46
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% S	SOLIDS) 68-75	70-73	77-87
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SC	DLIDS) 62-70	66-69	73-90
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETEN	ER, GENERALLY 28-	32% EGG SOLI	DS.

<u>CENTRAL REGION FROZEN</u> Frozen whole egg and whites ranged unchanged to 2 cents higher with sugared yolk unchanged to 1 cent lower and salted yolk unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for all frozen products. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for all products with demand seasonally quiet. Many sellers felt buyers were waiting until after the Easter holiday before entering into agreements as most business centered around contractual requirements only. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)

	TF	RUCKLOTS
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	48-50	
WHITES	36-40	36-38
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	70-74	71-73
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-69	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 1 cent higher on white, unchanged on whole and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 3/29 was 11% less than the previous week. Frozen demand moderate and freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALES SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER LB IN 30 LB CONT.)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	54-57
WHITES	41-44
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	77-80
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	73-76

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Mostly prices were higher on whole, unchanged to higher on albumen and yolks, and unchanged on blend when compared to last week's prices. Trading was light to occasionally moderate, however most buyers were waiting to see if post holiday business would be as strong. Trade sentiment overall was still steady to fully steady on most items. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 29 March 2003 were 3% less than the previous week, and 6% less than a year ago. Total to date dried egg produced were 7% less than last year.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB, IN CONT., TRUCKLOT & LESS-THANTRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.68-1.95	MOSTLY 1.72-1.85
YOLKS	1.60-2.05	MOSTLY1.65-1.75
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.60-3.00	MOSTLY 2.70-2.85
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER	1.27-1.45	MOSTLY1.35-1.40

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TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 28, 2003-APR 03, 2003 **CURRENT LOADS FUTURE LOADS** 88.75 **TOTAL LOADS** 88.00 SE MW SC NE NW SW **DST** DST LOADS **CLASS ORG DST** ORG **ORG** CLASS **ORG DST** ORG DST ORG **DST LOADS** GNR W 1 49.00 52.60 49.90 51.00 58.00 34.00 GNR W 1 56.00 63.70 16.00 GNR W 2 52.00 51.00 8.00 GNR W 2 50.00 4.00 GNR BR 1 77.00 80.00 1.00 GNR BR 1 83.00 90.00 1.00 GNR BR 2 76.00 1.00 GNR BR 2 90.00 1.00 GL W J GL W J 59.20 3.75 63.00 68.50 70.26 5.75 GL W XI 60.54 62.58 40.25 64.93 60 42 GL W XL 65.00 68.50 71.65 19.50 GL W LG 57.00 63.62 60.47 64.83 59.63 59.00 49.75 GL W LG 61.40 65.03 70.71 35.75 43.08 GL W MD 58.33 47.00 48.33 44.75 13.50 GL W MD 45.50 49.67 46.00 51.40 9.75 GL W SM 30.50 30.90 32.60 6.00 32.50 GL W SM 29.86 31.00 34.00 3.25 44.00 44.33 NRBS - 50 .75 GL BR XL 87.00 90.00 .50 NRBS - 48 42.50 44.58 37.75 GL BR LG 87.00 90.00 .50 NRBS - 39 20.00 22.00 31.50 2.50

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal values were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent hens were generally sufficient for trade needs. Demand was fair to moderate. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Opinions on removal cost were mostly steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Values were unchanged to lower. Offerings were adequate to fully Adequate with demand fair to fairly good, best into feed supplement Processors. Opinions of value were mostly steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Salvage costs were viewed as unchanged from a week earlier. Offerings were fully adequate with interest easily satisfied at slaughter operations. Schedules were reduced but as desired. Removal values were viewed as static.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

<u>LIGHT</u>	RANGE		MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-8	(1)	5-6
No. Central Light	0-8	(1)	3.5-6
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)	

(1) Removal Cost

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

<u>SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL</u> FOR WEEK ENDING 04-Apr-03 FEDERAL-STATE AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	73.50	73.00	56.00
SOUTHEAST	71.50	69.50	54.00
MIDWEST	68.00	67.00	53.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	77.50	75.50	57.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	72.88	71.48	55.37

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair to good with very light trading on heavy canners. Offerings were in close balance to short with product well cleared at most locations. The undertone was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
20-25 MAJORITY 22.5-23	29-35 MAJORITY 31-32

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENSHEAVY CANNER HENS(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)(WITHOUT NECKS)22-26.5 MAJORITY 24.75-2531-37 MAJORITY 33-34

<u>WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN</u> Plants schedules light. Offerings remained limited.

LIVE POULTRY SLTR	D UNDER INSPI	ECTION WEEK	29-MAR-03
(PRELIMINARY)	U.S. FOWL S	LAUGHTERED DO	DMESTICALLY
THOUSANDS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,980	1,391	3,371
LAST WEEK	1,597	1,280	2,877
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,978	1,250	3,228

TO-DATE/2003 21,383 17,442 38,825 TO-DATE/2002 23,320 16,758 40,078

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA			
LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	
239	0	239	
139	3	142	
) 154	0	154	
3,891	53	3,944	
4,504	20	4,524	
	239 139 154 3,891	LIGHT HENS 239 0 139 3 0 154 0 3,891 53	

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA					
THOUSANDS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS		
HEAD	2,219	1,391	3,610		
LAST WEEK	1,736	1,283	3,019		
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,132	1,250	3,382		
TO-DATE/2003	25,274	17,495	42,769		
TO-DATE/2002	27,824	16,778	44,602		

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade					
U.S. Exports to	Canada, in F	Pounds (000)	(Preliminary)		
Week Ending Ma	arch 22, 2003	3	Year-To-l	Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002	
Liquid	204	403	2,131	3,961	
Frozen	0	0	0	0	
Dried	0	0	135	51	
Total	204	403	2,266	4,012	
U.S. Imports Fro	m Canada,	in Pounds (00	00) (Prelimina	ary)	
Week Ending Ma	arch 22, 2003	3	Year-To-l	Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002	
Liquid	72	114	1,381	1,677	
Frozen	44	137	967	992	
Dried	40	139	127	870	
Total	156	390	2,475	3,539	
Inspected Shell Eggs					
			<i>-</i>		

U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Week Ending M	Year-To-	-Date			
	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002	
Jumbo	0	0	0	256	
Extra Large	60	768	240	2,367	
Large	360	3,870	5,593	18,559	
Medium	774	1,500	9,658	13,663	
Ungraded	0	0	1,470	0	
Misc	390	60	1,782	5,644	
Total	1,584	6,198	18,743	40,489	
// Occasional La March to data financia menunciat total due to mounding					

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding. Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

<u>WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -</u> (INCL GOVT STOCKS) SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

		FREGS	TURKS	POP
		LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	03/31/03	2,745	188,765	61,764
AM	03/01/03	2,772	174,509	68,879
CHG		-27	14256	-7115
PCT (CHG	-1%	8%	-10%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 29-Mar-2003					
SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT C	HG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THO	THOUSANDS		LY	
ATLANTA	22.1	21.2	4	-38	
BOSTON	3.3	3.8	-13	-8	
CHICAGO	54.0	43.9	23	-29	
DETROIT	33.5	31.2	7	-37	
KANSAS CITY	4.3	3.8	13	-10	
LOS ANGELES	84.6	82.6	2	-23	
NEW ORLEANS	14.1	12.7	11	-3	
NEW YORK	31.3	31.5	-1	-22	
ST. LOUIS	18.3	17.7	3	0	
SAN FRANCISCO	21.8	22.3	-2	-33	
TOTAL	287.3	270.7	6	-26	
4 WK MVG AVG	279.4				

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 29-Mar-03 (RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	223.8	1	-4
E.N. CENTRAL	561.1	-1	-2
W.N. CENTRAL	297.7	2	-1
S. ATLANTIC	204.0	-1	5
S. CENTRAL	99.6	-1	16
WEST	195.5	8	-13
TOTAL	1581.7	1	-2
MATCHED PLAN	TS REPORTING	86	85

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT 01-Apr-2003
PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

MAINE MOSTLY	EXTRA LARGE 131 -	LARGE 122	MEDIUM 92 -	SMALL 53
NEW HAMPSHI	RE 124-128	115-119	85-89	46-50
MOSTLY	126-127	117-118	87-88	48-49
RHODE ISLAND	130-134	121-125	91-95	52-56
MOSTLY	130	121	91	52
VERMONT MOSTLY	130-134 134	125	89-95 95	-

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